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So largely, indeed, did our Lord employ this form of illustration, in his addresses to the multitudes who thronged to hear him, that the Evangelist emphatically remarks:—"Without a parable spake he not unto them."—Grosier.

Spurgeon on Vain Display. Avoid all pedantry. As a general rule it may be observed that those gentlemen who know the least Greek are the most sure to air their rags of learning in the pulpit; they miss no chance of saying, "The Greek is so and so." It makes a man an inch and a half taller by a foolometer, if he overabundantly falls into the Greek and Hebrew, and even tells the people the tense of the verb, and the case of the noun, as I have known some to do. Those who have no learning usually make a point of displaying the pegs on which learning ought to hang. The whole process of interpretation is to be carried on in your study; you are not to show your congregation the process, but to give them the result; like a good cook, who would never think of bringing up dishes, and pans, and rolling-pin, and spice-box into the dining-hall, but, without ostentation sends up the feast.

Do not needlessly amend our authorized version. It is faulty in many places, but still it is a grand work, taking it for all in all; and it is unwise to be making every old lady distrust the only Bible she can get—or what is more likely, distrust you for falling out with her cherished treasure. Correct where correction must be for truth's sake, but never for the vainglorious display of your critical ability.

SUMMARY OF CHURCH NEWS.

CONGREGATIONAL. —The First Congregational Church in this city has ceased to be, and the chapel in which its services were held has been sold. The Plymouth is prospering. The Central is still waiting in hope for the sign of a completed edifice.

—The Andover Association licensed, October 10, twelve members of the senior class in Andover Theological Seminary, after a well-sustained examination of five hours.

—Rev. D. C. Green, missionary of the American Board to Japan, who sails from San Francisco by the next steamer, is a son of Rev. David Green, a former missionary and Foreign Secretary of the Board, and a descendant of Roger Sherman.

—The Congregational Quarterly reports 20 Congregational churches organized during the first eight months of this year. They are at Caribou, Me.; Essex Junction, Vt.; Worcester, Mass.; New Britain, Conn.; Newark Valley, N. Y.; Decatur, Ohio; Winchester, Ind.; Marshall, Mich.; Evanston, Ill.; Oak Hill, Wis.; Seneca, Parkersburg, and Altona, Iowa; Owatonna, Merton, Judson, and Graniteville, Minn.; Plattsmouth, Neb.; Williamsport, North Dakota, Leavenworth, Kan.; and Arvon, Ky. Besides a Welsh church, 40 miles north of Topeka; Glenwood, Mo.; Wheatland, Cal.; and Baton Rouge and Lockport, La. It also reports the ordination of the same number of ministers and the death of 17.

—The Congregational Conference of Connecticut is now fully organized, and held its first meeting in Rockville, October 25 and 27. The main business engaged in was the assumption of the home mission work of the State, which was handed to the General Association. The subject of systematic benevolence was discussed, and Rev. Mr. Wilcox, of New London (who has accepted a call to Jersey City), said that as the result of an effort in that direction his Sabbath-school had increased from 200 to 1200 per year. A committee was appointed to inquire whether Congregational churches ought not to have a larger representation among the officers of the Bible Society. These churches contribute to that society in the proportion of five to two Presbyterian churches, and yet never had a secretary chosen from among them.

METHODIST. —The annual exhibit of Rev. Dr. Redford shows that the profits on the business of the Southern Methodist Publishing House amount to over \$44,000 for the past year.

—Benjamin Green, the first of the Detroit Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has been elected Professor of Moral and Mental Philosophy in the University of Michigan.

—A Methodist preacher in Baltimore was requested to become a correspondent of the *World*. He brought the matter before his brethren's meeting, and agreed to do it if his brethren would aid him by reporting to him matters of interest. A motion that the brother be requested to do this duty was lost, on the ground that the *World* is a Catholic paper, and that it is better to sustain the various *Advocates* published by the Book Concern.

—A short time since the old "burying-ground" of the Whateo Station—the extreme north-western charge in the city of New York—was sold. Embracing six acres of ground bordering on Druid Hill Park, the price obtained for it was very fair, \$97,000. This sum, with what will be obtained from the sale of the old church and parsonage, will place in the hands of the trustees not less than \$110,000. Allowing what may be necessary for the removal of the dead buried in the graveyard, and for their proper accommodation, a handsome sum will be left for the building of a fine church on the beautiful lot kindly presented by Mr. John T. Fort.

—Glencoe is a small settlement eight miles from Hudson. Within a radius of one and a half miles there have been fifty-seven families and one hundred and thirty children, but no church or Sunday school. A member of the Seventh street Methodist Episcopal Church, in New York city, is accustomed to spend his summers at that place. Moved by sympathy for these sheep without a fold, he procured a lot, and built upon it, at his own expense, a beautiful church. On Monday, October 11, he decided to invite the members from all incumbents, to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

—The Troy Methodist Conference has expelled Rev. T. S. Pierce (or C. F. S. Pierce) from the church and intimated for the crime—so says the *Troy Times*—"seducing youthful members of his flock." This is the same villain who two years since palmed himself off as a Methodist Congregational minister at Woodstock, Conn. He engaged to supply the pulpit there for six months; but before the time had expired, his real character was discovered, and his engagement abruptly terminated, but only after he had succeeded in causing difficulties which cannot be healed in years. He was introduced to Troy by his supporters in Woodstock. Although he has a most estimable wife in New Jersey, whom he has deserted, he has claimed in both places to

be an unmarried man. His assertion that he was at one time a resident in President Woolley's family, Dr. Woolley says is false. The fellow is tall, good-looking, plausible, and one-quarter Indian. Look out for him!—Independent.

EPISCOPAL. —The Episcopal Theological Seminary of Virginia has reopened, and with a larger number of students than before.

—At the first Episcopal church in Brooklyn, and for forty years the only one, was established in 1705. Now there are 38 churches, 6 chapels, and 52 clergy. Last year in these churches there were 300 confirmed, 8078 converts, 10,000 Sunday school scholars, 1464 baptisms, and \$273,064 of offerings, exclusive of pew rents.

—The Protestant Churchmen makes the following announcement:—"The Rev. James Kent Stone, late President of Kenyon College, and still in Episcopal orders, having accepted of the current course of High Church theology, and has given in his adhesion to the Church of Rome. We learn that Mr. Stone was formally received into the Roman Church on October 14, the Rev. Dr. Muhlenberg laid the corner-stone of a church, to be called the "Church of the Testimony." It is to be the gift of a liberal member of the Episcopal Church, and will be the place of worship for the Protestant community there residing. On this occasion Dr. Muhlenberg made a declaration to the effect that this church was to be a testimony to the unity of all true believers in Christ. The pastor in charge is always to be an Episcopalian, but the church is to be open to ministers of the various evangelical churches.

—A church congress was opened in Liverpool Oct. 5. The Dean of Chester, who presided, preached a sermon, in which the forcibly deprecatory and evil of party spirit in the Church. The Archbishop of Ely read an elaborate paper on the System of Clerical and Lay Representation of the Diocese of Ely. The practical results of the system appear to be fruitfully conservative. The Rev. Dr. Blakely, who presided at the closing, on this occasion Dr. Muhlenberg made a declaration to the effect that this church was to be a testimony to the unity of all true believers in Christ. The pastor in charge is always to be an Episcopalian, but the church is to be open to ministers of the various evangelical churches.

—The Centenary Committee appointed by the late General Convention of Universalists at Buffalo, N. Y., in 1859, for the purpose of raising objects upon the attention of the denomination for the forthcoming year, their hundredth anniversary in the United States:— 1. Let it be considered the first and highest duty of all our educational institutions, and of other organizations under the patronage of the Universalist Church in the United States, to pay debts and pecuniary obligations resting upon them. 2. The liberality and zeal of the people in such localities as require it should be appealed to, for the payment or pledge of generous contributions for the erection of church edifices and the enlargement and beautifying of existing church property. 3. Money should be raised or pledged for the benefit of our educational institutions in all sections of the country, for the enlargement and strengthening of those already in operation, and for the founding of others in States yet destitute of them. 4. Missionary work, wherever called for, Sunday School interests and relief funds, wherever located or instituted, should receive generous aid and increase. 5. A publication fund or funds, divorced from private enterprise and interest, and conducted for the pecuniary benefit of the Church, is commended to the liberality of Universalists everywhere. 6. As a Special Memorial Offering, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) should be raised, to be known as the Murray Centenary Fund, to be vested in the Board of Trustees of the General Convention, and the income used under their direction, and in the aid of theological students, the distribution of Universalist literature, church extension, and the missionary cause.

—The *Baptist* calls special attention to the fact that in its report of revivals, "quite a number of the additions are from the ranks of Catholics and Campbellites."

—Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., late chaplain of the United States Senate, has accepted a call from the church of Shelburne Falls, Mass., where he has already twice served as pastor.

—The Chicago Baptist Theological Seminary is endeavoring to secure the valuable library of the late Dr. Hengstenberg, of Berlin. It contains the church's stock, and is one of the most valuable exegetical libraries in the world. The price is \$60,000. The library of Neander was purchased by the Rochester Theological Seminary.

—The Rev. and Colgate, who are among the gold donors of New York, and who gave the Baptist church at Yonkers a fine stone house, at a cost of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, were called upon by the agent of the Baptist church college fund in the midst of the late excitement, and after a few moments' consultation, pledged fifty thousand dollars, gave a check for ten thousand, and said they would pay the balance in a few days.

—The Freewill Baptists have held their anniversary meeting, as usual, at a large part of their attention to their educational institutes. Their Theological School is at New Hampton, N. H., and the location pleases very few. The effort to move it to Haverhill, Mass., seems to be a failure. The General Association, which is located in Buffalo, and to connect a college with it, provided \$100,000 could be secured for ground and buildings and \$200,000 for endowment. For the encouragement of those who were discouraged at the long delay, it was said that the General Association of England deliberated for thirty years before deciding on a location which was satisfactory.

—The Roman Catholics of Montreal have received some relics of St. Zeno, who, with 10,000 followers, is reported to be a prisoner of war, and is being held in the Roman army. The procession netted \$3000 for the priests, as large prices were paid for artificial palm-leaves which had touched the case which contains the ashes of St. Zeno and his followers.

—The Roman Catholic, in speaking of Father Hyacinthe's desire to have Romanism ally itself with modern civilization, says that since the publication of the Pope's Encyclical and Syllabus of December, 1864, no good Catholic could take a position as a political ally of the Roman Church. Dr. Brownson has so far yielded his previous judgment as to defend the Syllabus as the great fact of the century. It also adds that the *Catholic World* is becoming more and more conservative, though it has seemed to lean too much to "Liberal Catholicity."

—It is stated by the Bishop of Montreal, who is at present in Rome, that when a Catholic missionary was preaching to an Indian tribe in the extreme north of America, a packet of letters was given to him, on opening one of which he burst into tears. The chief of the tribe asked him the reason of his grief. The missionary replied, "It is because I learn from it that my father is dead, and many other misfortunes." But said the chief, "I have told you that in such circumstances we should not weep, but submit in resignation to the will of the Great Spirit; so to give us an example, smoke this pipe with us and be comforted." The missionary did so at once, and went on opening his letters, among which was a copy of the Bill of Convocation for the Council. "You have also good news," said the chief, seeing the priest's joy in his face. "Let us hear that also." "The good news," said the missionary, "is that the Grand Master of Prayer has called the other 3000 Prayers to prayer and connect him." "What is his name?" said the chief. "Pius IX." "Am I worthy to name that name?" said the simple warrior. "Yes," said the priest, "rise, all of you, and call upon the Great Spirit to bless him." The savages all did so with the deepest testimonies of respect and reverence, and in imitation of the missionary one after the other kissed the name of the Holy Father printed at the foot of the Bill. The missionary then explained to them what the council was, and how the crises of the world had made it necessary, and the chief, raising his hand to heaven, exclaimed, "May the Great Spirit aid Pius IX in all his designs."—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

—Rev. H. C. Alexander, late of Princeton, has been elected Professor in the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary at Prince Edward, Virginia.

—Mr. James Dinwiddie, of Virginia, has been elected Principal of Sayre Female Institute, Lexington, Kentucky, and has accepted the position.

In addition to revivals in Concord Presbytery, Thysaria and Brittain, in Concord Presbytery,

God has graciously visited the churches of Poplar Tent, Sugar Creek, Mallard Creek, and Ramoth.

—At a late meeting of the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe College, Georgia, they resolved that the institution ought to be reorganized and sustained. They were informed that if the College would be removed to Atlanta, that city and community would contribute \$40,000 in property or money. After discussion, it was resolved that the question of removal to Atlanta be referred to the Synods at their next meetings, and if the above sum in money or property should be contributed by the city and community of Atlanta by that time, and two or three Synods of Georgia, South Carolina, and Alabama should so order, the institution should be removed to that city. Dr. Cunningham, of La Grange, Georgia, was elected President by a unanimous vote. Professor Smith is the incumbent of the Alabama Professorship. Professor Lane having resigned the chair of Mathematics and Astronomy, Rev. G. W. Petrie was elected to the same. Mr. S. East was elected to the Professorship of Ancient Languages.

REFORMED. —The Rev. Henry Branch has been installed as pastor of the South Reformed Church at New Haven, formerly Dr. Carroll's.

LUTHERAN. —A new meeting-house was consecrated at Hagerstown, Md., on the 3d ult., by the Church recently organized there. Cost \$24,000. —At the recent meeting of the East Pennsylvania Synod, the report of the Education Society stated that eighteen young men were being educated for the ministry at Gettysburg. —The Synod of Maryland and the Melancthon Synod both met at Williamsport, Md., on the 14th ult., to consummate a union. They will make one of the largest, if not the largest body in the General Synod.

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Administrators' Sale, Nos. 625 and 627 N. Second street. Estate of John H. Hubbs, deceased. STOCK OF ELEGANT CABINET FURNITURE. To be sold by auction, on Monday, November 8, at 10 o'clock, at the residence of the Administrator, No. 625 and 627 N. Second street. The stock consists of: Elegant walnut parlor suits, gross plush and other coverings; 20 elegant walnut chamber suits, with parlor cabinets, 1 elegant walnut sideboard, Libou and Italian marble top; walnut wardrobes, bookcases, and bureaus (all new); 100 chairs, some of the best, and Italian marble top; library tables, music stands, hat tables, lat stands, extension and work tables, elegant dining room and parlor sets, chairs, some of the best, and Spanish chairs, Jenny Lind and cottage bedsteads, chamber suits, cribs, etc., comprising a general assortment. The sale of the entire stock peremptory, by order of the Administrator, on Monday, November 8, at 10 o'clock.

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